Deposits in Nationalised Banks

1888. SHRI M. S. FURUPADASWAMY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the total deposits in all the nationalised banks as on 31st December, 1986;

(b) the percentage of this deposits earmarked for distribution through Credit Camps;

(c) the authority to sanction and distribute these amount and the policy of distribution;

(d) whether any guidelines have been issued to the banks in this regard; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) According to provisional data available from Reserve Bank of India, aggregate deposits of 28 public sector banks were Rs. 92371 crores as at the end of December, 1986.

(b) Banks are not required to earmark any percentage of deposits for distribution through credit camps.

(c) to (e) Banks organise credit camps on their own as a part of overall measures to enhance flow of credit to weaker sections. Reserve Bank of India conducted a study on credit camps. Government after examining the study report have decided that such camps be organised by banks in a more systematic manner. Reserve Bank of India has been advised to issue suitable guidelines to Banks in the matter.

Sick News Agencies and Newspapers

1889. SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to take over or subsidise sick 'News Agencies' and sick 'News Papers';

(b) whether any special fund to finance such sick institutions has been set apart; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) This is due to Government's policy of non-interference in the functioning of the Press and its commitment to the growth of a free, healthy and non-subsidised press. Recommendations of the Second Press Commission (Chapter VIII, Para 162) have also been kept in view.

Civil Services reforms

1890. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government attention has been drawn to news item that appeared in the 'Hindustan Times' dated the 20th January, 1987 under the caption "Civil Services reforms is top priority";

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether special emphasis likely to be given to civil servants who have excelled in their district charges as District Magistrate or Collector, keeping in mind social change;

(d) whether it is a fact that senior posting and promotions are generally